



Together the grape-growing community and the Sonoma County Water Agency can make a difference this summer.

Please help conserve water in your vineyard with these tips:

- Improve wine quality by applying minimal irrigation.
- Don't start irrigating too early in the season—wait for shoot tips to slow down.
- Apply short and more-frequent irrigation cycles to prevent wasted water below the root zone.
- Irrigate in the early morning or after 6 p.m.
- Implement vine and soil moisture monitoring systems.
- Use canopy management rather than sprinklers to avoid heat damage to fruit.
- Restrictive early irrigation prevents the development of excessively large vines, which waste water.



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